



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
GULF REGION DIVISION
BAGHDAD, IRAQ
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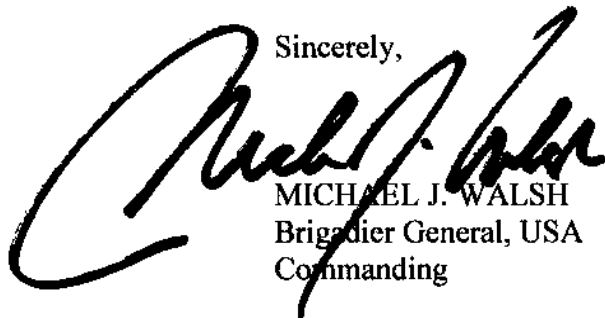
2 March 2007

MEMORANDUM FOR District Commanders

SUBJECT: GRD Position as it Relates to Imminent Danger on our Work Sites

1. We recently experienced an excavation cave-in on one of our construction projects resulting in the death of an Iraqi laborer. This is unacceptable. This message is to reiterate the GRD position as it relates to imminent danger on our work sites. If an imminent danger situation is observed on any of your projects, your field representatives have the authority and responsibility to stop the specific work at hand until the hazard is corrected. I expect them to exercise that authority vigorously.
2. The Accident Prevention Clause; (52.236.13, Nov 1996) in our construction contracts is very clear on when work can be stopped for types of situations. I am asking each of you, your PMs, and your construction forces to review the Accident Prevention Clause in your contracts and apply the provisions in the clause as required. We are to get from each of our contractors the required plans and analyses on high hazard work as spelled out in our safety manual and work those plans to assure that the contractor is protecting their workers and their resources.
3. The Corps has long history of providing safe workplaces for our employees as well as for our contractors. The construction in Iraq presents many challenges; however, I expect each of you to assure that we are meeting the established safety standards in EM 385-1-1. If we cannot meet the standards then I expect work-arounds to be developed that provides an equal degree of safety. If your field forces have safety or health problems or need assistance, they should not hesitate to call your safety office at the district or division. They are here to support the field.
4. Attached to this message are safety quick sheets on excavation and trenching in Arabic and English for distribution and use. Please be sure they receive widest distribution.

Sincerely,



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Commanding